

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1963

ANSWERED ON:13.03.2008

DEVELOPMENT OF RAILWAY STATIONS AS MODEL STATIONS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria prescribed for selection of any railway station for development as a model railway station;
- (b) the details of additional facilities provided in the model station, alongwith medical facilities;
- (c) whether the Railway have any proposal to convert the existing Yashwantpur railway station as a model railway station;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the features of the model railway station; and
- (e) the details of the railway stations proposed to be developed as model stations in the near future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRIR. VELU)

(a)to(e): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1963 BY S/SHRI ANANTH KUMAR AND KINJARAPU YERRANNAIDU TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 13.03.2008 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF RAILWAY STATIONS AS MODEL STATIONS.

(a): While presenting the Railway Budget 1999-2000, the then Minister of Railways declared that all efforts will be made to make atleast one station in each division as model station where higher level of passenger amenities will be provided. Consequent upon the announcement so made, 61 stations were initially selected as model station. Later on, more model stations were added from time to time. As per the announcement made during the presentation of Railway Budget 2006-07, all 'A' and 'B' category stations were selected as model stations.

(b): Model Stations are to be provided with additional amenities depending upon the category of the station such as retiring room, waiting room, public address system/computer based announcement system, electronic train indicator board, public phone booths, water coolers, standardized signages etc. Augmented First Aid Boxes are provided at the Model Stations.

(c)&(d): Yesvantpur railway station has already been identified as model station for the purpose of providing upgraded passenger amenities and instructions in this regard were issued on 29.5.2006. All passenger amenities as per norms prescribed for Model Station have already been provided at this station. Following amenities like retiring room, waiting room with bathing facilities for common, upper and second classes, cloak room, national train enquiry system, interactive voice response system, refreshment rooms and internet have been planned for completion by March ' 2009.

(e): Development of railway stations (including under Model Station scheme) is a continuous process and works are undertaken through Annual Works Programme depending upon availability of funds and other relative priorities.